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#### AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

  
Sir:

In response to the Examiner's FINAL Rejection mailed 2/13/98, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

#### In the Claims

Cancel claim 46.

#### REMARKS

Claims 15–45 remain pending. Claims 15–45 were rejected under the judicially created, non-statutory doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The enclosed Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the rejection. Therefore, all pending claims now are allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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